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From: Smith, Mark A. [Smith.Marka@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/23/2015 4:28:58 PM
To: Weber, Rebecca [Weber.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Tapp, Joshua [Tapp.Joshua@epa.gov]
CC: Burns, Ward [Burns.Ward@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Mead Nebraska Ethanol Facility RIN's

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Weber, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Tapp, Joshua; Smith, Mark A.
Subject: Fwd: Mead Nebraska Ethanol Facility RIN's

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Brooks, Karl" <brooks.karl@epa.gov>
Date: January 20, 2015 at 8:30:30 AM CST
To: "Weber, Rebecca" <Weber.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Cc: "Carey, Curtis" <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>, "Cozad, David" <Cozad.David@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Mead Nebraska Ethanol Facility RIN's

Please advise on reply: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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From: R.J. Wilson [mailto:rjwilson@ssgks.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Brooks, Karl
Subject: Mead Nebraska Ethanol Facility RIN's

Karl, Good Morning.

My name is RJ Wilson. You will likely not remember me but our paths crossed during the Holcomb power plant debate before the KS legislature. At the time I had started a new consulting business and worked hand in hand with Scott Allegrucci at GPACE and others in Topeka to sustain Governor Sebelius' veto. You were kind enough to testify before the committee that year. I recall very specifically how well your testimony went that day and how effective your arguments were on the issue.

I began that consulting business after working for Dennis Langley and E3 Biofuels (Now AltEn, LLC), a Kansas City company which owned and operated an ethanol plant at Mead NE which was attached to a feedlot with slatted concrete floors to collect manure and two large anaerobic digesters used to produce methane to fuel the ethanol plant.

A sub contractor damaged a boiler on hot startup and the boiler could never maintain full capacity for an extended period of time. The company eventually filed for bankruptcy protection. Three weeks ago, after a 7 year mothballing period, the plant started up again and has started producing ethanol. This is a story of perseverance and trying to do the right thing on behalf of a community and the environment over a long period of time.

In any regard, the plant's production tanks are almost at capacity. Despite a lot of effort, the owners of the facility have not received their RIN 5 application back from EPA HQ. They called me and asked if I could advise on the issue. I naturally called our mutual friend Josh Svaty and talked with him and he suggested I e-mail you directly.

Dennis has asked Sen. McCaskill's office to author a letter to EPA HQ and he will make sure you and your staff receive that today as soon as it is officially posted. The MLK holiday has slowed the distribution of the letter by a day. I am writing today to ask if you could inquire internally as to the status of the application for RIN 5's for AltEn, LLC and if your staff could keep us posted as it progresses through the system. This issue is small on the larger world of EPA but in the world of this re-emerging entity it means everything. The ability to clear their tanks and get their product to market will mean continued production without interruption for this emerging facility. Continued production and delivery of ethanol from this facility, without shutdown due to over capacity, means the potential for longevity for this facility which does a lot to clean up pollution from cattle waste both to water and air and provides a fueling alternative to oil.

I am assisting Dennis and Lyn with this request because I have a personal relationship with them and just happened to hear about their problem over coffee one afternoon. I am unpaid and a volunteer in this regard and just trying to connect good people together for the common good. For full disclosure I am a state lobbyist on Natural Gas issues and issues pertaining to the business of the Kansas County Clerk's Association.

Your guidance is very much appreciated Karl. Thank you for reading this and thank you in advance for your reply.

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